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State Senator Michelle A. McManus

Child Seat Requirements Receive a Boost from Senate Panel

A Senate panel approved a bill of mine on Tuesday that would require children 4 years of age or older, but less than 4 feet 9 inches in height, to be properly secured in a booster seat while riding in a vehicle.

This is common sense bill, the numbers don't lie. When young children are secured in a booster seat, they are safer. As a parent, seeing this bill become law will give me great satisfaction, because it is the safest means for our precious cargo to travel in a vehicle.

A nationwide review found more than 90 percent of 4 to 8 year old children seriously injured in motor vehicle crashes were not restrained in booster seats. Statistics also show children aged 4 to 7 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a crash than those who were restrained by only a safety belt.

After passing the Senate Committee on Transportation unanimously on Tuesday, the bill (SB 82) will return to the full Senate for consideration.

Bill Would Make Hunting with Tranquilizers Illegal

Shooting wild animals with a tranquilizer would become an illegal practice under my legislation that passed the Senate this week.

Senate Bill 531 prohibits the use of non-fatal tranquilizer shots to take wild animals.

This practice of taking wild game with tranquilizers for sport detracts from Michigan's image as a state filled with a hunting heritage. It does nothing to promote hunting or attract new hunters to our state.

Violators would face a misdemeanor charge and/or a fine.

The bill (SB 531) now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Contact Me

My door is always open. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding state issues. You can reach my Lansing office by phone at: 517-373-1725; toll free at 866-305-2135, or contact my Cadillac District Office at 231-775-8599. If you received this as a forwarded message and would like to receive future legislative updates via e-mail, you can sign up at my website: www.senatormichellemcmanus.com.